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For: PNEUMATIC RADIAL TIRE  
PRODUCTION METHOD AND  
BELT TREAD ASSEMBLY  
TRANSFER APPARATUS USED  
FOR THE SAME  
Art Unit: 1791  
Examiner: Knable, Geoffrey L.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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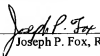
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